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Four Months Imprisonment

Broadstairs Man Sentenced

Received Army Stores

Sentence of four months' imprisonment was passed by the Cinque Ports magistrates at Margate, on Monday, on Edward St. George Hancock, aged 41, described as a fishing boat engineer, of Egbert Cottages, Bromstone-road, Broadstairs, who was convicted for receiving Army property, knowing it to have been stolen.

"Is that all? Thank you," said Hancock, when he heard the sentence.

Private Leslie James Dunn, Army Catering Corps, who had been cook to a Royal Artillery unit stationed near Hancock's home, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for theft of Army stores, and three other soldiers, Private John Douglas Spencer, aged 20, Gunner James Winder, aged 43, and Gunner John Walter Cox, aged 26, were each fined £2 on similar charges.

The case against Spencer was heard first. He pleaded guilty to stealing twelve tins of herrings and 8lb. of cheese, valued at 16s. 4d.

Mr. T. T. Cropper, who prosecuted, said police officers visited a house in Broadstairs and found a large quantity of rationed foodstuffs and other articles, which were identified as being military supplies. In a statement he made on 1st November Spencer said he became a cook at a military billet at Broadstairs. A week later, when out for a walk, he got into conversation with a civilian working in his garden, who asked him to go indoors and have a cup of tea. In the course of conversation he mentioned that he was a cook and the man told him it would be all right with him if he could get him a little stuff. About two days before the unit left he collected the tins of herrings and cheese and took them to the civilian, who paid him sixpence a tin for the herrings and sixpence a pound for the cheese. He received about 11s. "I have never done anything like this before," added the statement, "and I would not have done it this time if he had not put the idea into my head."

Larceny by Finding.

Winder pleaded guilty to stealing a pocket watch, value £4 10s., the property of the Government.

Mr. Cropper described it as a case of larceny by finding. The watch was issued to Captain Simpson, an officer in his unit, who lost it while on an exercise. It was stamped with a number and the Government broad arrow. The watch was found by the police when they searched the house referred to in the previous case. Accused was afterwards seen and made a statement to the effect that he found the watch at the beginning of the year when walking along St. Peter's-road. He knew it was a War Department watch and after about a fortnight he gave it to a civilian at Bromstone, who said he knew someone who could do with it. There was no mention of money, but several times afterwards the man told him he had not yet received any money for it, but was expecting some every day.

Winder said he had no idea the watch belonged to one of his officers and did not know one had been lost.

Cox admitted stealing a pair of boots and a quantity of oatmeal, valued at £1 15s. 4d.

Mr. Cropper said the charge arose out of the visit to the house he had previously referred to. Accused made a statement that about 11th September he took a pair of Army boots to the house and asked the man if he knew anyone who would buy them. He replied that his son in the Navy would have them. He gave the boots to the son, who was present, and the man's wife gave him £1 for the boots and for some oatmeal he had taken there previously. About a week later she gave him another 5s.

Many Visits.

A plea of not guilty was entered by Dunn, who was accused of stealing foodstuff to the total value of £6 5s. 7d.

Mr. Cropper said it was alleged that Dunn was the main source from which the civilian referred to obtained goods. He was a cook and therefore had ample opportunity of access to such articles, and it was suggested that he went to the civilian's house not once, but many times.

Sergeant George Eric Bell, of the special investigation department, South-Eastern Army, said he went to 1, Egbert-cottages, Broadstairs, on 27th October, with D.C.s Self and Oram. A search of the premises was made and a large quantity of goods found, all of which were War Department property.

Mrs. Eleanor Grace Hancock, of 1, Egbert-cottages, Broadstairs, was called as a witness for the prosecution, but was first warned that as her husband was concerned in the case she was not bound to give evidence.

After consulting her husband she said she would give evidence.

In regard to the articles found at her house by the police officers, she said the cocoa, some broken biscuits and one or two tins of fish were found by her children, they having been left by troops engaged on manoeuvres. Accused had been to her house once or twice and had brought some dripping, with which she fried fish for soldiers. She could not remember anything else he brought.

The Ringleader.

Mr. Cropper: Would it not be true to say he came to your house quite a number of times?

Witness: He often came into the garden to see my husband, but did not come into the house.

And on a number of occasions effect. I can't remember what the

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School Governors Support K.E.C.

Letter to Parents

The attitude of the governors of Chatham House and Clarendon House County Schools towards the suggested return of the schools from the reception area to Ramsgate is set out in a letter which Alderman J. J. White, chairman of the governors, has sent to Mr. H. Taylor, hon. secretary to the body of parents who have asked that secondary education should be restarted in Thanet.

Alderman White writes:

"Your letter of the 16th November to the Governors of the Ramsgate Chatham House and Clarendon House County Schools has been considered.

"After very careful consideration of the resolution submitted on behalf of the parents, the Governors fully endorsed the decision taken by the Kent Education Committee and conveyed to you in the committee's letter of the 20th November. As stated in that letter, the question of the return of secondary schools to the coastal area is one which is kept constantly under review. When dealing with the matter the Governors received, from the heads of the schools, reports upon the work of the schools and upon the billeting and other conditions in the reception area. These reports showed that the work of the schools had been maintained at a very high level and although the numbers of pupils attending the schools were smaller than before evacuation, the examination results compared favourably with those before the war.

"The Governors were satisfied that the boys and girls were able to work more effectively in Stafford than they could in Thanet. If the schools were to return to Thanet, the work of the pupils, particularly of those preparing for examinations, was likely to be seriously affected by the loss of sleep due to air raid warnings. So far as conditions in the reception area are concerned, the Governors are satisfied that there is much less risk of interruption of work due to enemy action. The great majority of billets are very satisfactory and the foster-parents have the closest personal interest in the welfare of the boys and girls.

"The Governors are anxious for the return of the schools and fully appreciate the wishes of parents to have their children at home, but after considering fully the arguments for the return of the schools, and bearing in mind the present military situation, they are unable to recommend that the schools should be reopened in Thanet. They will keep the matter before them and when they are certain that the time is ripe for the schools to return they will take all necessary action.

"As regards the last paragraph of your letter, the Governors do not feel that, at the present time, there is need for them to receive the suggested deputation."

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When Lumpkin appeared before the borough magistrates on Monday the Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) said the arrears amounted to £36 2s. The order was for payment of £1 a week and the previous week defendant had made a payment of 30s. Defendant was ill for some months at the beginning of the year and it was then that the arrears accumulated.

The chairman (Capt. H. E. Rock) announced that £25 of the arrears would be remitted, leaving a debt of £11 2s. Defendant would have to pay the amount of the order—£1 a week and five shillings a week off the arrears.

M.M. FOR BROADSTAIRS MAN

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East, Sgt. James Avery, The Buffs, of Broadstairs, has been awarded the Military Medal.

TOO GOOD FOR NAZIS

BRITAIN'S FINE ARMY

THANET MAN'S EXPERIENCES

Thrilling and amusing tales have been told to an ADVERTISER & ECHO representative by Sgt. Thomas Huckstep, R.A., a Margate man on leave from overseas.

Sgt. Huckstep, an old boy of Margate Central School, who before the war was employed in the furnishing trade, has spent some three years in the Middle East, having served in Syria, Cyprus, throughout the victorious advance from El Alamein to Tunisia, and in Sicily.

He has many stories to tell, stories of the pluck, bravery and endurance of the British Tommy, with a special word of admiration for the Indian troops; tales of odd and amusing happenings on the battlefield and behind the lines and of great personages and epoch-making battles, though, like most of his kind, he has little to say of himself, and of the part he must have played in the battles that did so much to change Great Britain's fortunes and prospects.

Sgt. Huckstep made it clear that, whatever shortages the British Army may have suffered from, there is little doubt that it now has the weapons. Backed by a marvellous R.A.F., its fine guns and a hard-hitting, well-equipped infantry are too good for the enemy.

On one of the occasions when he saw Gen. Montgomery, Sgt. Huckstep's greeting was rewarded with a shower of cigarettes from the great soldier-leader. The Prime Minister was another of the famous men the sergeant saw on the outskirts of Tripoli, but apparently there was no shower of cigars to celebrate that event.

Telling of some of the gallant deeds that he has seen, Sgt. Huckstep related the instance of an R.A. sergeant whose battery had shot down six of a dozen dive-bombers. One of the enemy planes fell across a gun, killing several of the crew. It then exploded and set fire to the cornfield in which the guns were positioned. Though mortally wounded, the gun sergeant superintended the evacuation of the remaining guns and all ammunition, and helped to beat out the flames that threatened a large area, before walking unaided to a field dressing station.

Gallant Indians.

Then there were the half-dozen Indian troops sent to silence an 88-mm. gun. They climbed an exposed rock-face to reach the enemy position, killed the crew, and brought back the gun—and, added Sgt. Huckstep, the moving of an 88mm. gun is no light job even on level ground, without machine-gun bullets and shells to make the work more interesting.

But it was to three men of a light infantry regiment that Sgt. Huckstep paid the most sincere tribute. They performed a deed which, for cold, calculating courage and deliberate self-sacrifice, seems unsurpassable. The unit to which the men belonged had been held up for some time and had suffered heavy casualties from a well-placed 88mm. gun. The three men volunteered to silence the gun, and to do so they mounted a Bren carrier and drove full tilt into it, ramming and destroying it, and giving their lives in accomplishing their aim.

Sgt. Huckstep has one or two amusing stories of the cleverness of the Egyptian boot-black boys. Until he knows how to deal with the little rascals, a Tommy is likely to find that his boots are soon made to need cleaning through the dirt thrown at them by the boys, who follow their potential customers into shops and clubs, and even jump on trams after them. There was the soldier who paid the recognised two-piastre fee for the boot-black's services. The boy declared he had not been paid. The tram floor was searched without result, and the boy burst into tears. To avoid a scene the doubting soldier paid again, and the young imp left the tram, making derisive signs and displaying the first two-piastre piece held between his teeth.

R.A.F. Supreme.

For the R.A.F. Sgt. Huckstep had nothing but the highest praise. "Jerry," he declared, "lost thousands of aircraft in North Africa." He told of airfields positively crowded with enemy planes destroyed on the ground. The result of this was that the allied armies had a great freedom of movement and were able to mass big forces of ships, men and machines without interference from the Luftwaffe.

To the Navy, too, Sgt. Huckstep paid a graceful tribute. In spite of the activities of U-boats and enemy aircraft, he declared that the troops never doubted the ability of their escorts to see them safely across the seas.

Sgt. Huckstep's wife, formerly Miss Irene Slater, is in the Nursing Service working in London, and his brother William is a petty officer in the Navy. Mrs. Huckstep's brother is at present serving with the Army in the Mediterranean region.

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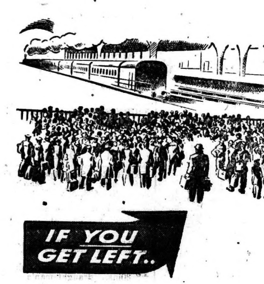

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SAD NEWS FOR RAMSGATE PARENTS

We regret to report that Acmn. 2 Arthur Stanley Hazlewood, R.A.F., of Ramsgate, has passed away in a Japanese prison camp.

The sad news was received on Friday morning by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hazlewood, formerly of 56 Crescent-road, who are now living at 18 Goodwin-road.

A telegram from the Air Ministry stated that the information had been received via the International Red Cross. No other particulars are given other than that Acmn. Hazlewood has died while a prisoner of the Japanese.

Arthur, aged 22, was the eldest son, and it was in April, 1941, that he left the Margate offices of Messrs. G. and A. Clark Ltd., nurserymen, to join the R.A.F. Exactly two years ago he came to Ramsgate on 48-hours leave.

That was the last his parents saw or heard of him until June this year when they were informed that he was a prisoner of the Japanese in Java. No letters or cards have arrived from him since he left England and Mr. and Mrs. Hazlewood do not know whether or not he was moved from Java.

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SQDN.-LDR. REGINALD LENTON

For the second time in two years Sqdn.-Ldr. Reginald Lenton, M.C., D.F.C., R.A.F., of Margate, has been reported missing from operations.

Sqdn.-Ldr. Lenton, who is the second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. F. W. Lenton, formerly of Hastings-avenue, was first reported missing in November, 1941, together with the crew of his aircraft operating in the Middle East. For eight months nothing was heard of them but in June, 1942, they arrived at an Egyptian port in a fishing boat. Their plane had crashed in enemy territory and the crew lived with bandits until they stole the boat in which they sailed to safety.

In December, 1942, the officer was awarded the M.C., and two months ago he received the D.F.C. for devotion to duty and skill in photographic reconnaisance work.

At Margate, where he was educated at the Central School, Sqdn.-Ldr. Lenton played for Cliftonville Hockey Club and was chosen to represent Kent. Until joining the R.A.F. in 1937 he was employed by an insurance company.

After completing his training in the R.A.F. he was posted to Bomber Command in the Middle East.

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Wednesday.—E Flt. parade at 19.00 hrs. P.T. and games.

Thursday.—A, B, C and D Flts. parade at respective H.Qs. at 18.55 hrs. Instruction according to general timetable.

Friday.—E Flt. parade at 19.00 hrs. Instruction according to flight orders.

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THIS WEEK'S COMPLETE SHORT STORY

CONFIDENCE

by Margaret A. Watson

WHEN Andrew Mackinder was moved to anotner station the club wasn't the same place without him. We had come out to India together. Even after a year without him life hadn't recovered its savour; I worked harder, played less, and avoided the more talkative members of the club. They bored me. Mackinder was a person with original ideas; his company was refreshing.

It was his nature to take people by surprise. Three times since he had gone away, business had brought him back on a flying visit. He just turned up without a word beforehand, as though there had been no interim. After he had gone I stayed away from the club. And then young Fairfax turned up. I saw him on his first evening in the club dining room, alone, shy, and trying hard to appear neither. He was young and ingenuous, and obviously fresh from home. My heart warmed to him. He had all the more attractive qualities of youth, vigour, enthusiasm, and a personality of his own.

Mackinder and I had each other for support. Fairfax was alone; I knew how he felt, and I knew the difference it made to be shown the ropes by an "old-timer." Our acquaintance quickly ripened. His attitude to me was a well-balanced mixture of respect, modesty, and comradeship.

Soon I was spending fewer evenings in solitude at home, and was dining five nights out of the seven at the club, but it became a habit for Fairfax to dine with me at home at least once a week, and it was on these evenings that he gave me his confidence. For all his modesty he was ambitious—determined to make good, and aware of the dangers lying in wait for him.

"The fellows at the club are friendly—too friendly, some of them —that's the trouble," he said.

"Any particular trouble?" I asked. He told me that a fellow named Arkwright had made a set at him—pestered him with invitations to drink and play cards. "It's difficult to refuse," he said. "I don't want to be rude. I ought to be grateful, but somehow I don't like the fellow."

Neither did I. Arkwright had joined the club not long before Fairfax, but he was a seasoned club-man, always lounging about the bar, making up bridge fours, and he had the reputation of being a hard drinker. I didn't like the stories I had heard about his bridge stakes either. I told Fairfax to hold him off. I reckoned that Arkwright was the type of man who would not trouble to pursue his quarry.

I talked to Fairfax a good bit about Mackinder. He was enormously interested—naturally enough he'd heard stories about him. Besides Mackinder was the kind of man to be remembered vividly. There was no mistaking him anywhere. Fairfax's interest, however, was taken by the fact that Mackinder was a crack polo player, and had the finest ponies in the district. It seemed that polo was Fairfax's passion. He studied the big photograph of Mackinder that I kept on my desk. I hadn't the heart to tell him that it was really a joke. It was a typical effort of the artist-photographer. Mackinder loathed it. He thought it made him look like a third rate film star. He had scrawled his signature, in his rather insolently flourishing writing, across one corner, to complete the effect.

Fairfax examined the signature with enthusiasm. I fed him on all the amusing stories I could remember about Mackinder, and showed him my snapshots, including a particularly characteristic likeness which showed his bald head and fringe of black hair to perfection.

It was the merest chance that we heard Mackinder was coming. He booked his usual room at the hotel. Business must have been urgent to have made him take such a precaution. The news, of course, reached the club the same day. The only fault I had to find with the situation of my bungalow was that it was too far from the business centre to allow Mackinder to make it his headquarters. I telephoned the hotel on the day of his arrival. Yes, Major Mackinder had booked a room, but the time of his arrival was uncertain.

I knew that Mackinder would get in touch with me as soon as he could. All the same I lunched early at the club, and lingered longer than usual. It was in the temporary lull between lunch and tea that I saw him. I had left the reading room, and there he was—standing at the end of the long passage with his back to me, reading the notice-board. The back of his head was unmistakable.

I wanted to take him by surprise. The passage was darkened against the heat, and I stood a chance of being unrecognised. He must have heard me, and half-turned. In the dim light I suppose he could not see who it was, and before I could make myself known he had disappeared through the swing doors. He must positively have sprinted along the corridor leading to the verandah. Ahmed, carrying a drink to Arkwright in his usual corner flashed his white smile at me and volunteered that he had seen the Sahib Mackinder going towards the hotel at an "unbelievable speed." Mackinder shared my dislike of casual club contacts.

After a short business call, I went home to work. My luck was out. Mackinder had telephoned, but left no message, saying only that he would drop in to the club later on the chance of seeing me. About an hour later young Fairfax came in. He'd met Mackinder at the club; old Jamieson had introduced Fairfax as a great friend of mine. "He was hoping to find you there," said Fairfax. "He was in a tearing hurry, trying to find Ahmed to get a note delivered, so, as I'd got a spot of free time, I said I'd bring it along."

I took the envelope from Fairfax. The contents were extremely brief and to the point. "S.O.S.——£ s. d." it said, and then came the scrawling signature. Fairfax was watching me. "He asked me to tell you," he said, "to do it as handsomely as possible, and that with your reputation the hotel would oblige, as you probably wouldn't have time now to tackle Forsyte."

It seemed cryptic, no doubt, to young Fairfax, but I knew exactly what Mackinder wanted. In his usual absent-minded way he'd left himself short of ready cash, and needed it urgently for some business or other. It was too late to get a cheque cashed—Mackinder knew as well as anyone else that Forsyte, the bank manager, removed himself and his staff on the dot of the official closing time. The hotel knew me very well, and on the strength of that would cash even a cheque of some size. My only difficulty was to know just how much would deal with the situation.

"Can I help?" Fairfax asked.

I told him what Mackinder wanted —it would be another story to add to his collection. "I think," said Fairfax, "it probably has something to do with a polo pony—he did mention having seen one in a million——— So that was it—money down, or the pony goes elsewhere—I knew those lightning sales, and I knew, too, that Mackinder had never yet been mistaken in a pony.

I had the equivalent of about £25 on me, and I wrote out a cheque for a further £75. Fairfax made a pretty good suggestion. It would be better, he pointed out, to make out the cheque to the hotel, sending with it a note to the management asking them to cash it and give the money to Major Mackinder. The sum of £75 was a lot of money, and even although they knew the Major well, they'd probably feel safer doing it that way, knowing they had only to draw it out of my account next morning. Knowing that I couldn't leave my work at that hour, Fairfax offered to take it back to the hotel, and I told him to tell Mackinder I would phone later.

I telephoned about 6-30, and was put through to his room.

"I got your note," he said, "You're a quick worker! You didn't waste much time. What've you been up to?"

"That's what I was going to ask you," I said. "Anyway, did you get it in time to cash it?"

"I did," he said. "I hadn't set foot inside the hotel before your friend pushes your S O S at me."

"Be accurate," I said. "You've had plenty of time to buy a pony." I thought Mackinder had hung up. And then he said:

"I arrived precisely one hour ago."

"But I saw you at the club with my own eyes, and what about the note you gave Fairfax?"

"I never set eyes on him until I found him waiting in the hotel lounge with your extraordinary S O S."

I made the distance to Mackinder's hotel in record time. Our greeting was hurried—we had other things in mind.

"You got the £25, and the cheque?" I said.

"I got no £25," he said. "I got a cheque for £75," which the hotel management cashed, but I don't mind telling you they were a bit surprised. You'll have to live it down."

We stared at each other. "Where's Fairfax?" I said. Mackinder shrugged. "Gone to settle your wretched debts."

"You gave him that £75?"

"Of course."

"Sit down," I said. "Tell me your end of it first, then I'll tell mine. I have an idea we'll just catch Forester before he goes home." Forester was Police Commissioner for the district.

Mackinder's tale was this. He'd found Fairfax waiting for him, and recognised him from the descriptions in my letters. Fairfax produced the cheque and told him that I was suddenly in need of cash, and too late for the bank. The management, however unwillingly, had obliged. "Heaven alone knows what they thought you'd been up to." Mackinder said.

I showed him the note. "The fellow has genius," he said. "But how did he get hold of my signature?" I told him about the photograph.

"Serves you right for leaving it out," Mackinder said.

It didn't need Forester's help to tell us that we should see neither Fairfax nor the £75 again. But he explained the appearance of Mackinder's "ghost" at the club.

"You're not the first victims," he said. "You'll find Fairfax had a confederate. They work in pairs. They're highly skilled crooks. One of them specializes in make-up and impersonation, and they know all there is to know about handwriting. It's the confidence game played to perfection."

"Now if it had been that fellow Arkwright—" I said. Forester tapped out his pipe.

"If you ask for Arkwright tomorrow at the club, you'll probably find he's left suddenly on urgent business," he said.

I did—and he had!

The End.

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

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PLT.-OFF. DENTON, D.F.C.

A member of the Ramsgate Division, Kent County Constabulary, Plt.-Off. John Albert Victor Denton, R.A.F., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Plt.-Off. Denton, who is a native of Faversham, joined the Ramsgate borough force in August, 1939, and two years later volunteered for flying duties in the R.A.F. Since completing his training he has been on many operational flights and is now expecting to undergo an instructor's course.

Writing to P/S Bromley, Welfare Officer to the Ramsgate Division, he mentions the honour bestowed on him but does not state how he won the award.

Plt.-Off. Denton's wife and little daughter live in Farm-road, Ramsgate.

Cairo Wedding

RAMSGATE SOLDIER'S BRIDE

Sgt. Leslie Solly, Royal Artillery, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert John Solly, of 23 Albert-street, Ramsgate, probably has the distinction of being the first Ramsgate soldier to be married while on active service abroad.

Sgt. Solly, an old boy of Christ Church School and a Ramsgate postman in civil life, was married at St. John's Church, Cairo, on 6th November, to Miss Edith Lingard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lingard, of Market Rasen, Lincs.

The bride is welfare officer at a hostel at Port Said and met her husband in January.

Both the bride and her bridesmaid were dressed in white and carried bouquets of red rosebuds. There was a slight hitch shortly before the wedding was due to take place, for the taxis which had been ordered failed to turn up and the ceremony had to be postponed for two hours.

A reception was held at one of Cairo's biggest cafes, where there was a two-tier wedding cake.

The following day Sgt. Solly travelled with his bride to Port Said but unfortunately on arrival found a message awaiting him recalling him to his unit. Within an hour and a half of his arrival at Port Said he was on his way back again.

Sgt. Solly, who went to the Middle East three years ago, is one of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Solly. One son, Albert, was taken prisoner at Singapore.

Alderman's Son in Germany

TRANSFERRED FROM ITALY

Alderman and Mrs. W. Hawkins, of Crescent-road, Ramsgate, have received a letter from their son, Gnr. Rodney W. Hawkins, R.A., stating that he has been moved from Italy to Germany.

Gnr. Hawkins, an old boy of Chatham House, fought in Egypt, Libya, Crete and Greece and, returning to Crete, was safely evacuated from the island. He was taken prisoner at Tobruk in the summer of last year and sent to an Italian prison camp.

In his letter, dated 7th October, he writes "I dare say you have been wondering what has happened to us. Well, I am perfectly well and there is nothing for you to worry about. Things did not turn out as we expected, of course, and so we find ourselves in Germany."

Until receiving this letter, Gnr. Hawkins' parents had heard nothing of him since September.

Twenty-four years old, Gnr. Hawkins was a civil servant in London until joining the Army.

MINSTER

Parish Hall Dance.—Nearly 200 people attended a dance held at Minster Parish Hall in connection with the Poppy Day collection. The sum of £5 15s. 8d. was realised. Music was provided by Don Beerling's band.

Soldiers Fined.—Fines of 2s. 6d. each were imposed on Ptes. Frederick Proctor, Jack Pilling and Richard James Bamford when they were summoned at Ramsgate district police court on Tuesday for committing indecent offences at Minster.

Coastal Evangelists.—Special Salvation Army coastal evangelist meetings were held at Minster on Wednesday. Open-air services and services for children were conducted by officers from Margate, Ramsgate and Sandwich.

Collision.—A collision took place at the top of Tothill, Minster, on Wednesday afternoon, between a stationary baker's van and a contractor's lorry. The van, owned by Mr. D. Jezard, of Minster, sustained damage to the nearside wing, bonnet and radiator.

Poppy Day Record.—The record sum of £69 14s. 5d was realised as a result of the Poppy Day collection at Minster and Monkton. The sum was made up of £42 1s. from the sale of poppies, £5 10s. from the sale of wreaths, £12 5s. 10d. from whist drives and dances and £9 18s. 6d. from church collections. The collection was organised by Major W. Howard.

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RAMSGATE MAYOR LOOKS AHEAD

An informal talk on some of the problems to be faced after the war was given by the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman G. W. Twigger) when he was the guest at Ramsgate Rotary Club's luncheon on Tuesday.

The guests also included members of Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce and the Town Clerk of Ramsgate (Mr. H. G. Curtis).

The president of Ramsgate Rotary Club (Rev. C. H. Bailey) occupied the chair.

Alderman Twigger intimated that he was in favour of closer co-operation by the three Thanet towns and revealed that the cost of reinstating Ramsgate sea front after the war is estimated at £54,000.

The president said it was excellent that before the war was over they should be meeting to consider reconstruction. They must be prepared to continue to make sacrifices when the war was over.

"I don't believe we shall get a better country or a better Thanet unless we are prepared to put the common weal before our own individual advantage," said the president. "I think that individually some of us will have to lose some of our freedom and some of our money."

Number One Priority.

The Mayor said that Ramsgate's number one priority after the war would have to be the reinstatement of the sea front. People would want to come to this part of the coast again as soon as the war was over and it was a question of preparing Ramsgate for that day. The Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) had been busy going into the matter and it was estimated that the cost of dealing with the sea front alone would be £54,000. The Corporation felt that this was a liability which should be borne by the Government. Towns which had prepared schemes for dealing with such problems were much more likely to get a speedy settlement.

Their second problem was one of ensuring that hotel and boarding house accommodation would be available.

They would also have to face the problem of providing a new municipal centre. There they came to the question of the possible amalgamation of the three Thanet towns. Margate wanted new accommodation for its municipal staff. The scheme which Ramsgate previously had in view was estimated to cost £30,000 and Margate had considered spending a further £50,000 on office accommodation. Some of this expenditure might be avoided if there was an amalgamation —but not an absorption—of the three towns. There might be a way of "stabilising" the three towns.

Great Development.

Alderman Twigger said there was a possibility that the whole of the Southern Railway system would be electrified by 1950 and in the meantime there would undoubtedly also be great strides in the development of air transport.

"I think we can look forward to great developments if we are prepared to adapt ourselves to new conditions," said the Mayor. "If we do not adapt ourselves we shall be to blame. I feel certain there is a great future for Thanet and for Ramsgate in particular."

Among the suggestions made by Mr. W. S. Page was that steps should be taken to attract industry to the district and that they should endeavour to restrict the activities of multiple stores.

The Mayor said that in the hinterland of Thanet there was space for industry which would serve the interest of all three towns. Industries should not be brought into the towns but should be established outside and the people transported to their work.

Thanks to the Mayor were expressed by Mr. H. T. Laslett and Alderman J. J. White.

AMBITION ACHIEVED

D.F.M. FOR MARGATE AIRMAN

Injured in a motoring accident nearly two years ago, Sgt. Laurie Foat, R.A.F.V.R., of Fairfields, Flete-road, Margate, was unconscious for five days.

It was thought at first that his injuries would prevent him achieving his ambition to fly but he made a complete recovery and a year ago passed out as sergeant air-gunner.

Returning from a flight with a pupil recently, Laurie, who is 22, learnt that he had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

Second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Foat, the airman has made nearly 30 operational flights in Lancasters, taking part in most of the biggest raids over Germany and Italy, including attacks on Berlin, Milan and Turin.

After attending Margate Central School he worked in his father's greengrocery business in Eaton-road. Until joining the R.A.F. as a dispatch rider in 1940 he was a member of the Home Guard and by a strange coincidence his company commander, Capt. A. C. Hatfeild, commanded, during the last war, the squadron to which Laurie was posted.

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At the Cinemas

TAHITI HONEY

SIMONE SIMON AT PICTURE HOUSE

The exquisite French girl, Simone Simon, and Dennis O'Keefe are starred together in "Tahiti Honey," the romantic musical film which is being presented at Ramsgate Picture House to-day and to-morrow.

The picture, a sheer delight, blends comedy, romance and several enchanting new tunes with sparkling gaiety. Simone, in a two-piece sarong, sings her way through a story located in a Tahiti night-spot and joins the band run by O'Keefe. They fall in love but the bandboys think she will be "dropped" before the band returns to the States. How O'Keefe proves them wrong makes an entertaining comedy. Roy Rogers also appears in the programme in "Idaho."

The eagerly awaited "King's Row," showing for the last half of the week, presents Ann Sheridan, Ronald Reagan, Robert Cummings and Betty Field in a film based on one of the most popular novels of modern times. The apparently hum-drum small city of the American midlands, wherein all human passions and prejudices are encompassed in a small space, has not often been used by novelists and movie makers as a locale. "King's Row" dared to be different and it represents a frank unmasking of such a town, with the resultant high drama and the comedy and pathos always to be found there.

MUSIC AND DANCING

GREAT WALTZ AT KING'S

Music and dancing predominate in the programmes being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

"Hit Parade of 1943," showing to-day and to-morrow, lavishly presents the great stars of the American entertainment world. It tells of the adventures of an aspiring song writer (Susan Hayward), who comes to New York from the middle west to make her name in Tin Pan Alley. She is co-starred with John Carroll and other main parts are played by Gail Patrick, Eve Arden and Melville Cooper. The film has music, dance bands and speciality artistes in profusion. "Sons of the Pioneers," the supporting film, stars Roy Rogers.

For the latter part of the week the cinema presents "The Great Waltz," a welcome re-issue. A glamourous musical drama based on the life of Johann Strauss, it recreates the romance of old Vienna. The story deals with the loves of Strauss, played by Fernand Gravet, his wife Poldi (Luise Rainer) and the opera singer with whom he was infatuated (Miliza Korjus). She sings "Tales from the Vienna Woods" and other haunting Strauss songs in spectacular scenes. The Imperial opera, the palace of Franz Josef and Vienna during the revolution are elaborate details in the film, while a ninety-piece symphony orchestra accompanies the beautiful singer.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN

WAR EPIC AT ODEON

Nobody in this district needs to be reminded that in the summer of 1940 we had a grand-stand view of the great air struggle in which "the few to whom we owe so much" successfully challenged the might of Hitler's Luftwaffe.

This week we shall be able to recapture the thrills of those dramatic days when the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, presents "The Battle of Britain" to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow. The film shows how America views the stand that the people of this country made when they alone faced the onslaught of the Nazis who turned their whole attention, systematically and relentlessly, to smashing the resistance of England. It traces those immortal days when the R.A.F., outnumbered sometimes by ten to one, went up to meet the Luftwaffe and blasted it out of the skies. "The Battle of Britain" is a brilliant compilation of British and German newsreels, with excerpts from M.O.I. films.

The programme also includes "Fired Wife," starring Louise Allbritton and Diana Barrymore.

Paramount's spectacular musical in technicolor, "Dixie," which is to be shown for the latter part of the week, stars Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour. This is Bing's debut in colour and he has the part of Dan Emmett, who caught the spirit of the south in one triumphant song from which the film takes its title. "Good Morning, Judge," with Dennis O'Keefe, is the supporting picture.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

SEASONABLE FARE AT RAMSGATE

Well-known on local stages as a character artiste, Mr. Charlie Castle is to take the part of Scrooge in Dickens' "Christmas Carol," which is to be presented at the Congregational Hall, Ramsgate, at Christmas-time.

This appropriate and evergreen story calls for a large cast, which Mr. A. Harman, the producer, is recruiting locally. He will appear in the play as Bob Cratchit.

The presentation forms the main part of a concert which will also include the appearance of the "Moments Musical" singers—boys of Cranbrook School who broadcast last month and who are not new to Ramsgate audiences.

The show will first be presented on the afternoon of 27th December and owing to the difficulty of hiring a larger hall, the repeat performance will be given in the Congregational Hall on the following evening.

It's all in a good cause—the local funds of the Red Cross—and donations towards the expenses of producing the concert will be gratefully received by the treasurer, Mr. H. W. Waters, of St. George's, Station Approach-road. The committee is made up of Messrs. F. J. Warden, Harman, Waters and Castle.

NAVY BEAT POLICE

Ramsgate Division, Kent County Constabulary, lost to a Royal Navy team by 257 points to 247 in a shooting match on Wednesday.

Royal Navy—Smart 15 and 19, Harmer 15 and 20, Price 20 and 15, Tucker 15 and 19, Hewitt 10 and 19, Thomas 15 and 20, Norris 10 and 19, Gray 10 and 16.

Ramsgate Police—S/C Luckett 10 and 17, P/S Ticehurst 20 and 17, P/C Housden 15 and 17, P/C Shanahan 20 and 19, W/R Marshall 5 and 15, S/C Wales 15 and 15, S/C Hearnden 15 and 9, P/S Jenner 20 and 18.

THANET ECHOES

by The Listener

SABOTAGE

THE right to be heard and to state a case is one of the basic principles of British justice. A judge is appointed because of his ability to weigh up both sides of a question and arrive at a decision unbiased by personal prejudice. The parents of Thanet secondary schoolchildren, meeting in Ramsgate, decided there was a case for the return of the schools to this district. Being adherents to the democratic principle they appointed a deputation to place their views before the Kent Education Committee. But their case was sabotaged from the start by, of all people, Alderman Nottidge, chairman of the Kent Education Committee. Before hearing what the parents had to say, Alderman Nottidge declared to the Kent County Council that in no circumstances would his committee, with the advice they had received, agree to return the secondary schools to the coast at present.

AUTOCRATIC ACTION

MR. Nottidge would probably resent being labelled an autocrat but what other interpretation are the parents to place on his action? One must accept his statement that the question of the return of the schools is constantly under review—"week by week," he said. But is Mr. Nottidge sure that his committee have heard all sides of the case? The parents are convinced that they have not and they are not unnaturally incensed at the inference that their opinions are not worth having. Mr. Nottidge and the members of his committee may be quite right at the conclusions at which they have arrived but it would appear that the very least they could have done out of courtesy to a large body of people would have been to have received the deputation, heard their case, and explained the reasons for the committee's attitude before making any public statement.

IN THE DARK

AS it is we are left in the dark as to the nature and source of the advice on which the Kent Education Committee have acted. Mr. Nottidge told his fellow councillors that it would be completely foolish, owing to the military situation, to return the schools. Is this the nature of the advice to which he is referring? If so it would seem that steps should be taken immediately to remove all the elementary schoolchildren from Thanet. As this is not being done one can only conclude that the military situation has not deteriorated. In fact we all know that it has improved tremendously and will continue to do so. Besides telling the Kent Education Committee that living in Thanet is not nearly so bad as many away from the district imagine, the deputation would be able to tell them something about the health of their children. They would be able to quote the statement by Dr. Walker, Ramsgate's Medical Officer, that the health of the children who have remained in Ramsgate is better than that of those who were evacuated and have since returned. They would be able to quote a number of other factors which should be borne in mind by any reasonable body of men before coming to a decision, but apparently they don't wish to have all the facts or Mr. Nottidge would not have committed them in advance.

GETTING TOGETHER

IT was a bright inspiration on the part of Ramsgate Rotary Club to invite the new Mayor and members of the Chamber of Commerce to their luncheon this week. The Club, the Chamber and the Council are all working for the welfare of the town but hitherto there has been little liaison between them. Unfortunately it was impossible within the short space of an hour to deal anything like adequately with such a big subject as post-war reconstruction, especially as the controversial and difficult subject of the amalgamation of the three Thanet towns was brought into the picture. But if the meeting should prove the means of bringing the three organisations into closer contact it will have proved a very valuable step forward.

THE LIGHTS WENT UP

I must apologise for having stated that the street lights in Ramsgate would not go up until the Armistice. Within an hour or so of the publication of these notes, and just as dusk was falling, people in Crescent-road were amazed to see a street lamp burning brightly. The lamp had no mantle, it is true, but the two tongues of flame threw quite a bright light. The incident was reported to the police and the black-out soon restored. It is nice to know that our lamps will be ready when the great day arrives. But most of us, I imagine, will find most pleasure in turning on our own lights without putting up the black-out. Perhaps we shall have that pleasure next Christmas—or before.

APPLE SCRUMPING

FOUR RAMSGATE GIRLS FINED

Four Ramsgate girls, who pleaded guilty, were fined 5s. each at Ramsgate district police court on Tuesday for stealing 11s. worth of apples at Minster.

They were Sarah O'Neill, of Cross-street, Gwendoline Danton, of Flora-road, Frances Saunders, of Bright's-place, and Patricia Victoria Stone, of Claremont-gardens.

Inspr. Hann told the court that a complaint was received from Mr. Spanton and as a result P/C Ansell kept watch on an orchard on 22nd October. He saw a number of young women come from the direction of Laundry-road, Minster. They picked some apples from the trees and placed them in bags. When the police officer approached them they ran away and although he called on them to stop they did not do so. He caught four of the girls, however, and two of them each had a bag of apples.

Saunders and Stone both stated that they were 16 years of age and Mr. A. Gibson said the school report about the former stated that her conduct was far from satisfactory. Stone was stated to be good while under supervision.

Announcing the fines the Chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve) said there were many such thefts going on and they would have to be stopped.

Grocer's Recklessness

£50 IN FINES

FALSE DECLARATIONS TO FOOD OFFICE

Fines totalling £50 for making false declarations to the Food Office were imposed at Margate police court, on Wednesday, on a grocer in business in Ramsgate and Margate.

Defendant, Herbert Charles Norton Price, of Northdown-road, Margate, appeared on two summonses. The first alleged that he signed a declaration that an envelope contained 7,324 points coupons for the period from 27th June to 24th July, 1943, whereas the actual number of valid coupons totalled 3,971. The second summons was in respect of a similar offence in August, the declaration stating that there were 2,895 points, whereas there were actually 1,662.

Price, who was fined £25 in each case, was represented by Mr. A. R. Young. The solicitor entered a plea of not guilty but, following the prosecution's case, changed it to one of guilty.

Prosecuting on behalf of the Food Control Committee, the Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) said that, for the rationing period from 27th June to 24th July, defendant submitted the coupons he had received, declaring that the envelope contained a total of 7,324 points. When the envelope was examined it was found that it contained coupons representing 3,971 points. Price had therefore overclaimed for 3,353 points.

Buying Capacity Increased.

Mr. Grove explained that there was no delay in isuing the coupon vouchers with which to replenish stocks, the Food Office accepting the declaration. The vouchers were issued for 100 and 1,000 points and defendant received 3,400 points over and above what he was entitled to, thus increasing his buying capacity.

Continuing, the Town Clerk said retailers could send in coupons during a four-week ration period as well as at the end if they wished to do so. About 26th August defendant sent in an envelope with coupons for part of a period and declared that it contained 2,895 points. The envelope actually contained 1,662 points and he had therefore overclaimed for 1,233 and received 1,300 more in return than he should have done.

Stating that defendant had been making such declarations since last May, Mr. Grove said he had endeavoured to find some redeeming feature in the case. Defendant might say that it was owing to stress of business or it might be said that he did it unthinkingly and unintentionally. But the declaration was correctly made for the period ending 7th February and when defendant started making the false declarations it coincided with a great rush at the Food Office caused by the issue of new ration books.

Of Great Seriousness.

In the seven four-weekly ration periods from May onwards defendant, said Mr. Grove, was issued with 14,551 points in consequence of his false declarations.

When the system was changed in September and points vouchers were cancelled in favour of the banking system, retailers were asked to send in all unused vouchers and defendant sent in 1,900. It had to be assumed that he used the remainder of the excess issues to buy a considerable amount of food.

"I urge you to regard this case as one of great seriousness," said Mr. Grove. "I have refrained from charging defendant with actual fraud and preferred the minor charge of recklessness, giving him the benefit of any doubt there may be. But it is clear that if retailers carried out this habit to any extent the whole rationing scheme would break down."

William Leslie Enderby, deputy food executive officer, gave evidence bearing out the facts stated.

Mr. Young then intimated that he had advised his client to change his plea to one of guilty, facts having been proved which were not in his original instructions.

Mass of Work.

Addressing the magistrates, Mr. Young spoke of the great difficulties of grocers in these days. His client owned two shops, one in Margate and one in Ramsgate, and in peace-time had a staff of eight, of which a fair proportion were experienced assistants. To-day he had three, excluding himself, aged 14, 15 and 18, and none of them was experienced. The result was to throw on him a mass of detail work. He was also a wholesaler and supplied points goods to 19 shops and institutions, which meant keeping account of his dealings with those places as well as his own.

Defendant, continued Mr. Young, arranged his coupons in bundles of an aggregate value of 100 points, and in filling in the return he put 100 coupons when, in fact, there were only 50. That was the mistake. If the bench accepted that it accounted for the greater part of the discrepancy. It had not been shown that defendant made any profit or use out of the extra purchasing power he possessed.

The Mayor (Alderman F. J. Cornford), announcing the decision of the magistrates, said although they realised the difficulties which traders had to contend with in the present circumstances, they were obliged to regard that as a serious case. There was, to say the very least, a great deal of recklessness.

NON-STOP VARIETY

P/C Edward Jordan, of Ramsgate police, who has revealed himself as a successful producer of local shows, is to present a big non-stop variety concert, in co-operation with Mr. Len Mancey, at Dreamland, Margate, on 30th December.

A feature of the entertainment will be the first visit to Thanet of Ross Abrahams and his band and the many other talented artistes include Bill Jenkins (baritone), Mrs. W. Johns-Abrahams (soprano), Marjorie Hassall, the charming soubrette who was the star of P/C Jordan's show at the Palace Theatre, Ramsgate, and Mr. W. H. Protheroe as compere. Mr. Mancey will be playing the cinema organ.

The proceeds of the effort, which will be under distinguished patronage, are to be devoted to the Kent County Area of the Red Cross and St. John Prisoners of War Parcels Fund.

UNCHECKED ARMY STORES

THANET MAN SENT TO PRISON

Large quantities of electrical equipment, including a cooker and many fuse boxes and lamp holders, were piled on the floor at the Ramsgate district court on Tuesday.

Gilbert Harry Cove, of College-road, Margate, was before the magistrates on charges of stealing the electrical apparatus and other articles, together valued at approximately £200, the property of the Government, at Minster, between September, 1939, and September this year. There was a second charge under the Public Stores Act of being in illegal possession of the property.

On the latter charge Cove was sentenced to a month's imprisonment.

Mr. Eric Weale appeared for the prosecution and defendant was represented by Mr. A. R. Young.

Outlining the case against Cove, Mr. Weale said defendant was employed as a civilian mechanic by an Army department. In his capacity he would draw such electrical equipment from a depot as was required for immediate use and it was the rule that any excess of property so drawn should be returned. As this procedure was rather "cumbersome," however, and entailed much inconvenience, there was a system whereby employees kept surplus articles in their charge so that they could be used when occasion demanded. This was not an official procedure but had been "winked at" by authority.

Private Dumps.

On 7th August this year, however, a circular letter was sent to certain employees, including defendant, stating that the practice of holding "private dumps" should be discontinued immediately. D/C Lilliott, of Margate, went to 10 Royal-esplanade, Margate, on 2nd September, and there found the articles mentioned in the charge. Cove had at one time lived in the house and subsequently held the key to the premises, which were unoccupied.

As a result of enquiries, defendant was seen and made a statement to the police in which he said he had accumulated a store of Government property at Minster. From July, 1941, to July, 1942, Cove continued, he had lived at 10 Royal-esplanade, Margate, and gradually accumulated stores at that address. He had taken the equipment direct to the address.

Continuing the statement, defendant said he had no record of the stores which he had brought there over a period.

Here Mr. Weale remarked that if Cove had been taking the stores to the house honestly he would surely have made a note of them.

Referring in his statement to the electric cooker, defendant said he brought it from Minster to Margate in an Army truck. "I was going to overhaul it and use it, as a matter of fact," he said.

No Check Kept.

At a Margate garage which had been used as a store defendant told the police, he found three lavatory cisterns which he shifted to the house. He admitted that he received the circular letter in August and that on 2nd September he signed a certificate stating that no War Department stores were held by him other than those delivered direct to a site or held in an official store.

Mr. Weale said that in fairness to Cove he had to say there were no witnesses who could say "We have missed the equipment." "Apparently no check whatever is kept by the military," he said.

D/C Lilliott said that on 8th September, in company with D/S Chamberlain, of Sandwich, he saw defendant at Broadstairs. Told that they were making enquiries concerning some property found in 10 Royal-esplanade, to which they believed he had access, defendant replied that he put it there.

Arthur Henry Fuller, an Army department civilian official at Broadstairs, said defendant was employed by his department as a civilian electrical mechanic. Some time before the beginning of August witness was aware that certain members of the staff had stores accumulated for use. On 7th August he issued an instruction the effect of which was to stop the holding of stores by them and on 3rd September he sent out another instruction containing a certificate to be signed by the recipient. The certificate was to the effect that no stores were held by them except those on W.D. buildings or sites.

Cooker Held in Trust.

On 6th September witness asked defendant if he still retained the stores he had at a garage in Margate, or any other stores, and Cove replied that he had none. The garage was Government requisitioned property. Cove should have had nothing to do with work connected with lavatory cisterns.

In reply to Mr. Young, witness said he could not swear that any of the property in court belonged to the Government. He could only say it was similar. The electric cooker did not belong to the Government but was being held in trust for the owner.

D/S Chamberlain, of Sandwich, said Defendant, giving evidence, said he was permitted to occupy 10 Royal-esplanade, Margate, and did not pay any rent. He lived there from July, 1942, until March this year. The premises were partly furnished. One reason he accumulated stores in the house was that it was convenient to do so and saved a lot of time. He had, in fact, issued stores from the house and members of the staff had called there for them.

Failed to Get Transport.

He had no recollection of receiving a circular letter in August stating that no articles should be withheld. When the circular came in September he endeavoured to get War Department transport to remove it. That was before he knew that the police were concerned in the matter. He spoke to one or two members of the staff regarding transport to remove materials but did not specifically state that they were War Department stores.

Defendant said he failed to obtain any help because no transport was available.

Cove said he took the electric cooker to the house because it needed repairing and he intended to do work on the premises. He was not going to convert it to his own use. The cooker was removed quite openly in an Army truck.

Regarding the lavatory cisterns, he said it was part of his duty to inspect the garage where they were. He took them to his house, which was a short distance away, because he wanted to "salvage" them.

Financially, said Cove, he had been hard hit for the past three months.

Questioned by Mr. Young, Cove said he signed the statement declaring that he did not hold any property illegally because he had hopes of the articles being transported on that or the next day.

Major Glibbery, giving evidence on Cove's behalf, said that if defendant had come to him with his troubles he would have been severely reprimanded and the matter would have ended there. He had always found Cove an energetic and conscientious worker.

Abused His Position.

Mr. Young, in his address to the bench, said the Public Stores Act stated that it was a misdemeanour for anyone to be in possession of public property if he could not give a satisfactory explanation of how it was obtained. He contended that his client had given a satisfactory explanation for he had stated quite clearly that the property was obtained from Army stores.

With regard to the charge of stealing, Mr. Young said he confidently expected that there would be no conviction for there was no evidence that defendant had stolen the property. "If he was a thief who could accumulate £200 worth of goods," said the solicitor, "he would have endeavoured to convert some to money. He has been hard up."

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BETTER BULLS FOR BETTER COWS

A few weeks back three farmers around a microphone talked about the type of cow we should aim at. Recently three more—one a woman—discussed how we should get the type we want. This was not nearly so controversial as the trio found themselves substantially agreeing. The use of better bulls was felt to be the key to improvement, though one speaker was doubtful whether there were enough good bulls to go round. The answer to this seemed to be that many good bull calves are born, but many that might become valuable sires are slaughtered as calves. Our farmers gave various reasons for this, including difficulties with feeding stuffs and labour. It was even hinted that Excess Profits Tax is responsible in some cases for owners not bothering to rear more bull calves.

The possibility of insemination centres hiring bulls instead of purchasing them was considered by the broadcasters. For several reasons it was thought this might have distinct advantages. For one thing it would be possible for centres to hire much better bulls than they could ever afford to buy, for the big pedigree breeders would often be glad to let for a time a bull they would not sell. Any bull used at an insemination centre for 12 months would, during that period, probably sire no fewer than 200 daughters. This would provide a magnificent progeny test of the bull, which the owner would value. Moreover, if bulls were hired and not owned, it would mean constant changes of bulls; and the fear so often expressed of too close in-breeding through the use of insemination centres would be removed.

EAST KENT TEMPLARY

When the 278th quarterly session of the East Kent District Lodge, I.O.G.T., was held at Canterbury, Ramsgate was represented by Mr. W. H. Jacobsen (District Counsellor), Mrs. Hunt (District Treasurer), Mrs. E. A. Knight and Mr. E. Hunt.

In his report the District Chief Templar, Mr. H. Jeffery (Ashford), spoke of the work the Templars were doing in fighting for a sober country peopled by sober folk. They could look back on the past quarter with some satisfaction although not everything was as well as they could have wished. He remarked that the Sunbeam Lodge (Ramsgate) had just celebrated its 60th anniversary and that their meetings were very successful. An increased membership was shown by the Advance (Ramsgate) and good work had also been accomplished by the Broadstairs lodge.

Mr. W. J. Harley (Sellindge) gave an account of work among juveniles and, in the absence of Mrs. Ware (Broadstairs), reported on the recent meetings of the National Juvenile Council at Leicester. Mrs. Ware was congratulated on becoming a Master Temperance Science and a satisfactory financial position was reported by Mrs. Hunt.

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25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

In 1914 there were 155 vessels in the Ramsgate fishing fleet. It can now be revealed that during the war 41 of these were destroyed by the Germans. A large portion of the remainder now sail from other ports and there are now only 12 left at Ramsgate.

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Mr. C. B. Hoskings and Mr. E. W. Allsworth, both well-known Broadstairs tradesmen, have been discharged from the Army.

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Daughter of a Broadstairs Council official, Miss Margaret E. May has married Pte. A. L. Waddington, an Australian, at St. Peter's Church.

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Pte. E. Giraud, 2nd Middlesex Regt, of Duncan-road, Ramsgate, was among the first batch of prisoners to be released from Germany,

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The Ramsgate elementary schools have re-opened after being closed because of the influenza epidemic.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

The gale which raged throughout the country during the week-end caused terrible loss of life in local waters. Wreckage and bodies have been washed ashore all round the Thanet coast.

Skeletons of a man, believed to be a Saxon chieftain, a woman and a horse, have been discovered at St. Augustine's College, Ramsgate, by workmen engaged in excavations.

The staff of Broadstairs railway station held their annual dinner at the Railway Tavern on Friday. Those who entertained included Messrs. Stormont, Roberson, Malpress, Steel, Bean, Cro, Hills and Edwards.

Painless extractions with nitrous oxide or laughing gas. Female attendance for ladies. Misfits by incompetent dentists remodelled—Mr. H. M. Price, R.D.S., dentist, High-street, Ramsgate.

Sanger's Amphitheatre, Ramsgate, will re-open on Monday with the great drama "Hoodman Blind," followed on Thursday by a romance, "Good Old Times."

Certificates of the Royal Humane Society have been presented to Richard and Frederick Offen, both of Ramsgate, who, during the season, pluckily saved the life of a man who got into difficulties while bathing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A PROVOCATIVE STATEMENT

Sir,—I was amazed to read that, without waiting to hear the views of the parents, the chairman of the K.E.C. stated that in no circumstances would the committee consent to the return of the secondary schools.

The merits of the case apart, surely this is one of the most provocative statements that we have had from any of the new breed of autocrats. But for the parents' desire to save the children from becoming shuttlecocks they might be inclined to reply "In no circumstances will we send our children to Stafford."

We are so tired of the "military situation" bogey. Does Alderman Nottidge realise it has been dangled before us for the past four years? And if things are so desperately dangerous why are other children allowed in the area, and why were the secondary children allowed in Thanet to work in the summer?

Alderman Nottidge may not be aware that at the recent meeting it was emphasised that the parents appreciated there was an element of danger in bringing back the secondary schools, and they considered the danger was less undesirable than the continuance of evacuation.

Alderman Redman complains it is hard to convince parents. Either he or Alderman Nottidge might make the attempt by attending a meeting which, I am sure, the parents will be glad to arrange for that purpose.

L.W.B.

RAMSGATE RECONSTRUCTION.

Sir,—I believe it was said by the new Mayor of Ramsgate, "It is but common justice that a better standard of life and living shall be given to those who have saved the world from barbarism and this country from being overrun by the enemy. . . . Let us provide decent homes and conditions for the lads who fought for a better world to exist."

We Ramsgate Servicemen would, I'm sure, be extremely grateful if you would publish a full report on what is being done about the reconstruction of our home town.

It is suggested the Mayor of Ramsgate form, at once, a Reconstruction Committee, the committee to consist of local working class people, including housewives, not property owners, and a specimen house to be built at once, for the inspection of Ramsgate residents.—

Yours,
W. E. CULLEN,
Royal Navy.

[Much has already been done in preparation for the post-war reconstruction of Ramsgate, but since negotiations with Government departments are still in progress, it is impossible at the present time to publish any comprehensive report. The Mayor is chairman of a reconstruction sub-committee of the Council, and although at the present time it consists of members of the Council only, the views of other bodies have been sought. A deputation representing Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce placed their views on certain aspects of reconstruction before senior officials of the Corporation on Friday.—Ed.]

A.T.C. Whist Drive.—A whist drive held at Minster Parish Hall on Wednesday on behalf of the A.T.C. Welfare Fund realised £1 9s. 1d. Major W. Howard was M.C. and the winners were Mrs. Lucas, Ms. White, Mrs. Hewland, Pte. Kempe, Mrs. Milham, Mr. Dale and Mrs. Jezard.

FINDINGS NOT KEEPINGS

LOST GLOVES LEAD TO COURT

Because he kept a pair of gloves which he found, Edwin Richardson, of College-road, Margate, appeared before the magistrates at Margate Police Court on Wednesday. He was charged with stealing the gloves, the property of Albert William Spencer.

It was stated that Mr. Spencer, of St. James' Park-road, a gardener at the cemetery, missed the gloves from the back of his cycle when he rode home to dinner on 15th November. Arthur Peall, of Salmestone-rise, an employee at the cemetery, saw Richardson pick them up and recognised them as Spencer's. When Spencer went to defendant's house to get the gloves, Richardson, it was alleged, said, "Yes, a girl threw them down. But they are not yours and you are not going to have them."

Next day P.C. Bray saw defendant about the gloves and he then said, "They are my gloves. I found them on the King's highway." The constable explained that the gloves were not his and he handed them over to him.

Defendant told the magistrates he had no thought of stealing the gloves, but at the time he thought that anything he found on the King's highway belonged to him. He was going to give them to Mr. Spencer when he called, but his wife called him, and while he went to see what she wanted Mr. Spencer went away.

The case was dismissed.

A HAPPY PARTY

HARMONY AMONG BROADSTAIRS SAVERS

The value of unity between the Thanet towns was stressed by Councillor B. J. Pearson when the annual meeting of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Local Savings Committee was held at Pierremont Hall on Thursday.

Councillor Pearson was referring to the plaque which is to be presented by the district to H.M.S. Thanet in connection with Warship Week held last year. He hoped it would be in the nature of a presentation by Thanet as a whole. Representatives of Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs had met on the matter and although arrangements were in hand for making the presentation in Ramsgate, it was not certain that this could be done.

The meeting decided to make representations to Ramsgate and Margate that, in the event of this not being possible, the presentation should be made in Broadstairs.

The Chairman of Broadstairs Council (Councillor H. Noble) presided, supported by Mr. E. F. Owen (hon. secretary of the committee), Mr. S. A. Gifford (hon. treasurer), Miss Williams, Mr. F. H. Ward (campaign organiser), members of the Council and several group secretaries.

Saving More.

The secretary's annual report dealt in particular with Wings for Victory Week and disclosed that savings for the half-year ended September compared very favourably with the previous six months. The total savings by group members for the period just ended amounted to £8,631, making an average of £5 17s. 6d. for each member. This compared with an average of £3 5s. 4d. for the preceding half-year. Group membership now represented 31·8 per cent. of the population.

A balance in hand of £74 16s. 8d. was shown in the treasurer's report.

All officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. R. Saxby, who has left Broadstairs. His place on the committee was filled by the election of Mr. P. R. Davis. Mr. C. W. Style, overseer at Broadstairs Post Office, was added to the War Bonds Sub-committee.

Mr. Owen, returning thanks for his re-election, paid tribute to Miss Williams, who, he said, did a great deal of the secretarial and financial work.

Mr. Ward was thanked by Councillor Pearson for his efficiency in organising campaigns and Councillor G. W. Lane spoke of the valuable work the officers carried out as a whole. "It is good to think," he said, "how they and other inhabitants of the town go so happily about their work and their daily lives."

The chairman added his thanks to the committee and group secretaries, and mentioned the harmony which existed between them.

Distinguished Flying Cross

BROADSTAIRS MAN DECORATED

Flt.-Lt. Leonard Overton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Overton, of Broadstairs, who has so far flown on 39 operations, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

An old Chatham House boy, Flt.-Lt. Overton joined the R.A.F. in 1936 for training as an engine fitter. Details of the exploit which won him the D.F.C. have not yet been announced.

Leonard went to America to train as a pilot in 1940 and received his "wings" in Georgia the following year. He returned to England soon afterwards and recently was promoted to flight-lieutenant. Earlier this year he married Miss Joan Prett, W.A.A.F., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Prett, of Norman-road, St. Peter's.

His parents are at present living in Sturry and the father is a monumental mason in St. Peter's Park-road, Broadstairs.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

Family Re-unions Two Ramsgate brothers in the Royal Air Force had the luck to meet recently in the Middle East. They are Flt.-Lt. Jack Tucker and Cpl. Don Tucker, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Tucker, of 24 Manston-road.

The meeting is described by Don in a letter dated 11th November, which his parents have just received. "On Monday, at mid-day," he writes, "the phone rang and, on hearing a voice say 'Is that you, Don?' I was, of course, knocked over with surprise. It didn't take us long to get together, in fact I went out and found him some 20 miles away.

"From then on, for two days, life for me began anew. I stayed the night with him at his camp, sleeping in the same tent with the rest of his crew—a bunch of Canadian officers, all damned good fellows."

The brothers, together with Jack's second pilot, "painted the town red" the next day and on the Wednesday Flt.-Lt. Tucker left to complete his long trip. Don reports that his brother is "in the pink."

Just turned 20, Don went straight from St. George's Central School to join the Royal Air Force as an air-craft apprentice two weeks before war broke out.

For him his brother's visit was the second family re-union within a fortnight for he had previously met his cousin, Capt. Steve Donavon, who has been transferred from India to the Middle East after being seven years abroad.

Flt.-Lt. Tucker, aged 30, has been in the Royal Air Force for 14 years and is now a pilot in Ferry Command. An old boy of Sir Roger Manwood's School, Sandwich, he married Miss Marjorie Crampton, a teacher at Hereson School.

Mr. J. S. Tucker, soldier of the last war, is secretary of the Ramsgate branch of the British Legion, and his wife is stewardess of the club.

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Ex-Cadets Promoted News of promotions of two old boys has been received by the Thanet A.T.C. Squadron. Plt.-Off. Pointer, who has made several operational flights over Germany as an air-bomber, is now a flying officer, and Sgt. A. T. Larkins, who holds the D.F.M., has been promoted to flight sergeant.

Two other ex-cadets visited their former colleagues last week—Peter LaTrobe, who is awaiting air-crew classification, and Peter LeMar, now at a flying grading school. Peter Murton is back from the Orkneys and Charley (Bunny) Baker is hoping to be home soon. R. B. Moss made a forced landing during one of his training flights but was none the worse for his experience. Within the next week Peter Brackenboough, on his course as wireless-operator air-gunner, hopes to pass out of the signals school to an air-gunnery school and advanced training unit. He has met Alan Redshaw.

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Moved to Germany Information is gradually coming through about local men who were moved from Italy to Germany following the surrender of the former country. Another Ramsgate soldier who has been transferred to a German prison camp is Staff-Sgt. Jack Avery, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Avery, of Dane-cottage, Flora-road.

Staff-Sgt. Avery has written to his wife, who is living at Haywards Heath with her two children, telling her that he is now in Germany. His last letter from Italy was sent in August. Jack was, for some time, at Campo 85, which is about forty miles south-east of Taranto in the heel of Italy, but during the invasion of Sicily he was apparently moved to central Italy.

First hand for Messrs F. J. Pike (Ramsgate) Ltd., before the war, Staff-Sgt. Avery, who is 30, was on the Supplementary Reserve and was called up for service with the R.A.S.C. two days before the declaration of war. He fought in France and was evacuated from Le Havre. Two years ago he went to the Middle East, took part in General Wavell's campaign, and was captured at Tobruk in June, 1942.

By an odd coincidence, while in an Italian camp he met Sgt.-Major Jack Offen, a first cousin, whom he had not seen since 1919. He was still more surprised to find that another Ramsgate man he met—Albert Bax, who was well-known locally as a boxer—was a second cousin of Sgt.-Major Offen.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery are still anxiously awaiting news of their youngest son, Reginald, aged 20, a flight-engineer in the R.A.F. who was reported missing following a raid on Dusseldorf five months ago. William, the eldest son, aged 40, is a wireless-officer in the Merchant Navy. All three sons are old boys of St. George's Central School.

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Marine Brothers Norman Bilcliffe, of Glencoe-road, Margate, who was employed locally by a wireless engineer, has been called up for service in the Royal Marine Transport. His brother, Cpl. Stanley Bilcliffe, has been at sea with the Royal Marines for two years. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bilcliffe, they both attended St. John's School, Margate.

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A Royal Scot Formerly a lieutenant in the 4th (Thanet) Cadet Batt., The Buffs, Pte. Alan Massie, of Margate, is now serving with the Royal Scots. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Massie, of Avenue-gardens, and his brother, Robert, is also an Army cadet. Their brother-in-law, Capt. Kimber, R.A., has returned from North Africa to England after being seriously injured on active service.

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Entertaining Soldiers L/Cpl. Wilfred Thomas Shaxted, son of Mr. A. E. Shaxted, of Hawley-street, Margate, has taken part in several concerts and shows for troops in a town near Tunis. He went to North Africa a year ago and is serving with a signal unit.

Writing to his father, L/Cpl. Shaxted mentions that he has made many friends among the French people but is hoping to be home before long. For 11 years in peace-time he was employed at Dreamland and afterwards became manager of the Olympia, Cleethorpes.

Milkman in Africa Customers of Messrs. Sharp's Dairies, of Ramsgate, will recognise the above photograph as that of Gnr. Stanley George Beerling, R.A., who was roundsman for the firm until joining the Army two-and-a-half years ago.

For the past twelve months Gnr. Beerling has been in North Africa and his wife, whose home is at 33 Chapel-road, St. Lawrence, regularly receives letters from him. In one he mentioned meeting another Rams-soldier. "Although I did not know him" he wrote, "it was nice to meet somebody from back home." Stan spent a four days leave in Tunis which he thinks must have been a grand place in peacetime. But he does not give his opinion of the town as it is now.

Gnr. Beerling, who is 34 years old, is an old boy of Lillian-road School. He was well-known among the anglers on Ramsgate front and his interests also include pigeon racing. Stan is a member of the St. Lawrence Lodge of Oddfellows.

Mrs. Beerling is also doing her bit as a member of the N.A.A.F.I. staff.

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Leave Over The four repatriated prisoners who returned to their Ramsgate homes—Cpl. Charles Waters, and Ptes. Herbert Sheppard, William Joynson and George Grainger—have now finished their month's leave. They spent much time together while in the town and were entertained at various places. Throughout their stay they were guests of the Odeon Cinema and King's Theatre and, visiting the Oddfellows' Club, they received gifts of cigarettes.

The following reference to the returned men is made in the November issue of "The Dragon," the regimental paper of The Buffs: "We congratulate our repatriated prisoners of war on their safe return to this country and extend them a hearty welcome. In response to a letter of welcome sent to each of them by the Colonel of the regiment we have received several replies, the spirit of which is relief at coming home and expressions of gratitude for what has been done for them by the British Red Cross and Order of St. John, and the regiment during their period of captivity."

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Now a Corporal L/Cpl. Cyril Shepherd, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Shepherd, of 3 Thanet-road, Broadstairs, who is serving in India with the Royal Corps of Signals, has been presented with another stripe. He has thus "caught up" with his brother Henry, who is a corporal in the Royal Army Service Corps in this country. Cyril is about to spend his third Christmas in India.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces, so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

In Fleet Air Arm Accepted for the Fleet Air Arm, Eric Ronald May, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. May, of Maynard-avenue, Margate, is in training as a wireless-operator air-gunner.

Mr. and Mrs. May have five other sons. Leonard, invalided out of the Royal Navy, is now working as an electrician at a Royal Air Force station, and Leslie, a gun-layer in the Navy, spent ten days in an open boat after being torpedoed some time ago. After going through the North African campaign, William (Peter) is with the Royal Artillery in Italy. Fred, who lost a leg at football, is serving in the Home Guard, and the eldest son, Sidney, engaged in boat-building, is a special constable in Hertfordshire.

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National Service Latest Ramsgate recruit to national service is Miss Teresa Smales, of 36 St. David's-road. An usherette at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, until last week, 17-year-old Teresa is now working in a munition factory.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Chanced It.—At Ramsgate Police Court on Monday, Frank Lancaster, club steward, of Thanet-road, was fined 10s. for riding a cycle without lights in Bellevue-road, at midnight on 17th November. W/R. French said defendant had neither front nor rear lamps on the cycle. He told witness he had been working rather late and "took a chance."

Labour Women Re-start.—At a meeting on Tuesday a unanimous decision was arrived at to re-commence the Women's Section of the Ramsgate Labour Party. Officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Farmer; secretary, Mrs. Allen; treasurer, Mrs. Porritt; committee, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Foot. It was decided to hold meetings every Tuesday at 3 p.m. at 1 Chatham-place. The business meeting of the party on Thursday was adjourned for a fortnight.

Open Pen Show.—A cup for the best rabbit, to be competed for monthly, will be offered for the first time at an open show to be held by the Ramsgate and District Rabbit Club at St. Ethelbert's Hall, Hereson-road, on 4th and 5th December. The show will include rabbits, pigeons and cavies, and Mr. J. W. Giles, of Rochester, will judge the rabbits. Further particulars appear in the advertisement.

Prefers R.A.F. to Army

RAMSGATE MAN'S COURT PROTEST

"I am not going to be happy in the Army. The first chance I get I shall desert. I would sooner do ten years in gaol than go into the Army."

A young Ramsgate man, who had hoped to get into the Royal Air Force, entered this protest at Ramsgate Police Court on Monday.

He was Jeffery Harold Knight, aged 19, and he was charged with being an absentee from his unit, the General Service Corps, on 18th November.

Asked to plead, Knight said for the past two years he had been trying to get in the Air Force and was waiting to be called. When he received the calling-up papers for the Army he sent them back. He had an official of the Ministry of Labour down to see him and he told him he would receive a warrant in the near future, probably for the R.A.F. The reason he did not join the General Service Corps was because he was acting under Ministry of Labour instructions. He was told to wait and not to do anything more.

D.C. Reid said that in company with D.C. Hopper he saw defendant at 2, Bright's-place, the previous day. When told he was an absentee from his unit defendant said, "I have volunteered for the Air Force and I am not going into the Army. Mr. Hudson, of the Home Office, is looking into the matter for me." When charged, defendant replied, "It is ridiculous. It is a false charge."

Chief Inspector H. G. Butcher said he thought defendant was acting unwisely. The best thing for him to do was to join his unit and let his commanding officer sort it out for him.

Defendant said he called at the Labour Exchange at Ramsgate after receiving his Army papers and they told him to "sit tight." He wanted to fight for his country in his own way, and that was not in the Army.

The chairman (Captain H. E. Rock) said defendant would remain in custody until the arrival of an escort.

EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

Alderman Redman Re-elected

Alderman W. C. Redman has been re-elected chairman of Margate Education Committee for the ensuing year.

Councillor S. W. Paul, who proposed his re-appointment at a meeting of the committee, said Alderman Redman possessed all the qualifications for the position. He was in touch with education from a national standpoint by his membership of the executive of the Association of Education Committees, and with education in the county as a member of the Kent Education Committee.

"His first thought is always the benefit of the child," he said, "and he would go out of his way to obtain for a child or a youth the opportunity to fulfil his ambition."

The proposal was seconded by Alderman W. J. Perkins, who described Alderman Redman as a stalwart in fighting the case for young people.

Thanking the members for re-electing him, Alderman Redman said it might be the last occasion on which they would be called upon to appoint a chairman of the Margate Education Committee as such, for the Education Bill was now "firmly planted on the stocks." If the Bill became an Act of Parliament the committee would either become a body affiliated to several other bodies in the district, or part of the Kent Education Committee.

"The coming of this new Act," he said, "is the biggest thing that has taken place in the world of education since education became compulsory in 1870. Whatever may be the outcome of the Act, it will be for the people in administrative capacities, even more than those in schools, to make it a success, because the schools cannot and will not function properly if those on the administrative side of the business begin to quarrel as to whether they have or have not sufficient power."

The committee also decided to nominate Alderman Redman for the vice-presidency of the Association of Education Committees.

The Mayor (Alderman F. J. Cornford) was re-elected vice-chairman of the committee and a welcome was extended to two new members, the Rev. W. Longden Oakes, superintendent Methodist minister, and Councillor C. B. Hosking.

Missing Seventeen Months

Manston Soldier Reported Killed

Missing for the past seventeen months, Corporal Reginald A. Stead, R.A.S.C., of the Council-cottages, Spratling-street, Manston, is now reported to have lost his life.

Twenty-eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Steed, he attended Manston School, and from there won a scholarship to Chatham House, Ramsgate.

After leaving school, Corporal Steed was employed by Messrs. J. Blinko and Son, and later by the N.A.A.F.I. He entered the R.A.S.C. and was reported missing at Tobruk in June last year.

At Manston the corporal was prominently associated with the lads' club.

HOME GUARD GIFTS TO PRISONERS

The Ramsgate Home Guard company has so far sent 173 parcels, costing £47 11s. 6d., to local prisoners of war.

Sgt. A. Nichols, of 26 St. Luke's-avenue, himself the father of a prisoner of war, who is in charge of the effort, wishes to ackowledge letters of thanks from prisoners and their relatives for gifts of cigarettes. "These letters are very encouraging" he writes "and we shall do our best to continue sending gifts as the money comes in."

Anyone who hears that a prisoner relative has received a parcel from the Ramsgate Home Guard is asked to send a card to Sgt. Nichols, or to the Officer Commanding, "D" Company, 6th (Thanet) Battalion, Kent Home Guard, Ramsgate.

Recent donations to the fund include—whist drive (per Mrs. Mayhew), £8 5s. 8d.; "Grateful Father," £5; ex-Sgt. Laker, 5s.; L/Cpl. Mummery, [illegible]

FOUR MONTHS IMPRISONMENT

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statement was. I did not write it, but brought various things with him?—I have made a signed statement to that merely signed it.

Dunn declined to give evidence and said he had nothing to say.

In announcing that accused would be sent to prison for two months, the chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) said: "The Bench considers you were more or less the ringleader in connection with the offences we have been dealing with."

Hancock then entered the dock and was charged with receiving property, valued at £28 15s. 1d., knowing it to have been stolen.

He was also charged with unlawfully possessing the property.

Accused pleaded not guilty to the first charge and guilty to unlawfully possessing some of the articles.

Mr. Cropper said Hancock was the man to whom articles mentioned in the previous cases were taken. Information reached the police that something of the nature was going on, and they visited his home on 27th October, finding a large amount of property.

Exchanged for Fish.

D.C. Self said after a search of the house had been made, accused arrived home, and he told him he would be arrested. He was taken to the police station, where he said he would like to make a clean breast of everything. He then made a statement in which he said the property found was purchased and exchanged for fish during the summer months from an Army unit at Bromstone. Most of the rations were brought by the cook, named Dunn. In regard to the boots, he said one pair was left by Cox to be collected and the other pair by another soldier. The blankets were left at different times by soldiers to be washed. One of the mackintoshes was left by a sergeant who was later posted, and the other was brought by a soldier. He did not buy them. The Army watch belonged to a soldier named Winder, who lent it to him as it had a luminous face and was useful to him as he had to get up early in the mornings.

In a further statement accused said on 21st or 22nd October a little dark soldier, who said he was a cook, came to his house with about 14lb. of cheese and 16 tins of fish. He said he was clearing everything out and he (accused) paid him eightpence a pound for the cheese and fourpence or sixpence a tin for the fish.

In a third statement accused said the currants were given to him by Dunn as they were going bad.

Hancock stated in evidence that he knew some of the property was stolen. In regard to the herrings and cheese brought by Spencer, he said he knew they were stolen, but as the main unit had moved away he knew they would be left behind and probably thrown into the pig wash.

Blankets From Camp.

In regard to the boots, accused said he did not know a pair had been bought from Cox, although Cox stated that he was present. There was no question of him buying the watch, although he might have said as a joke that he might find a client. Four of the blankets came from a Jewish refugee camp and two he bought in Tamworth when his children were evacuated. He knew nothing about the gas mask or the other items mentioned in the charge. Soldiers often came to his house and did washing there and they must have left them. He had never bought any clothing from them. The only time any tea had been brought to the house was when men brought their own rations to have a cup of tea in the house because his wife had not got any. Some of the cheese found was the family ration.

It was pointed out that 20 lbs. of cheese was found and accused said about 1½lbs. was their ration. He found some of it in a pig swill.

The bench were shown the cheese and when the Magistrates' Clerk asked accused if it was fit for human consumption he replied "O yes, some of it, when the outside was cut off."

Hancock said he knew nothing about the coats which were found.

The magistrates examined them and the Magistrates' Clerk remarked that they were practically new.

Further questioned accused said he did not know how the box containing 96 tins of milk came to be in the house. He agreed that it was found in the cellar which was used as an air raid shelter.

Previous Convictions.

The Bench announced that there would be a conviction on both charges.

Insptr. Hann said at Sandwich Police Court in 1934 accused was fined £2 for stealing grit, and at Margate in 1936 he was fined £2 for stealing broccoli. At Coventry in 1940 he was fined £5 for stealing a fire extinguisher and £5 for stealing petrol. He was a married man with eight children between the ages of seven and nineteen. After being employed as a motor coach builder he was for a time in business on his own account as a haulage contractor, but the business failed owing to the failure of another concerned and the bank foreclosing. He was then employed as a motor coach driver. He went to Leicester in 1941, but returned and worked on a farm at Broadstairs until he became an engineer on a fishing boat at Margate. His wages averaged £5 weekly.

The inspector added that accused wished two offences under the Firearms Act to be taken into consideration, and said when he was brought to the police station he was very open about the whole matter and was even, on occasions, helpful to the police.

Announcing that accused would be sent to prison for four months on the charge of receiving stolen property, the Chairman said the other offences had been taken into consideration.

POLICE EXTINGUISH SHOP LIGHT

Shortly before seven o'clock on the evening of 18th November, W/R. Scott, who was on duty in High-street, Ramsgate, noticed a light shining from an upstairs window at Messrs. Stanley's.

With the assistance of W/R. Morgan he got a ladder, climbed to the first floor, got into the premises through an unfastened window and extinguished the light.

At Ramsgate Police Court on Monday, Sidney Thomas Groombridge, aged 39, of St. Nicholas, London-road, manager of the shop, was summoned for contravening the black-out regulations.

Defendant told the magistrates that the coat rack was close to the switch and he thought one of his assistants might have accidentally switched on the upstairs light when reaching for a coat.

The magistrates imposed a fine of £1.

Mrs. W. Stock

Salvationist's Death

Many local Salvationists attended the funeral, at Ramsgate Cemetery, on Monday, of Mrs. Eva Blanche Stock, who passed away at the Chalet, Roman-road, Northwood, the previous Thursday.

Mrs. Stock had been nursing her husband, Mr. Walter Stock, while he was temporarily confined to bed, and her death came after a very short illness.

For many years Mrs. Stock, who was 55 years old, was junior choir leader and organist at Ramsgate Salvation Army Citadel, and she was secretary of the local corps for 30 years.

Her pleasant personality will be missed not only by Salvationists, but by the many pupils who attended her for pianoforte tuition. For 15 years Mrs. Stock had been local representative of the London College of Music.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Philpot, who were also prominent Salvationists, and her father carried on business as a coal merchant in Margate-road.

Mr. Stock has been employed since his youth by Messrs. C. J. Hudson, Ltd., the Ramsgate millers.

The committal service was conducted by Major C. Barrass, of the Ramsgate Salvation Army Citadel, and the chief mourners were the widower, Mabel and Ethel (sisters), Mr. H. Hubbell (brother-in-law), Mr. E. Hubbell, Mr. H. R. Hubbell and Mrs. Dalton.

Beautiful wreaths were received from: Walter; Ethel; Roy, Mabel and Ron; Mum and Dora; Hubert, Flo and Doris; Olive and Ralph; Harry; Edward; Eva; Audrey and Ray; Dot, Harold and family; Min, Gordon and David; Mr. and Mrs. Walklin and Brenda; Mr. and Mrs. Jezzard, Rene, Alan and Peter; officers and members of Ramsgate Salvation Army Corps; Aunt Mary and Uncle George; Mr. and Mrs. Dalton and family; Mrs. Thompson, Marie and Mrs. Philpot; Mr. and Mrs. F. Warden and the boys; Mr. and Mrs. J. Kelson, Bert, Eva and Edna; employees of Messrs. C. J. Hudson, Ltd., and Messrs. Rice and Son; Mrs. E. Shaxted; Mr. and Mrs. Glynn and family; Mr. and Mrs. Pearson.

The undertaking arrangements were by Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

ROWLAND—SCHLAMP

OLD RUYMIAN WEDS

The wedding of an airman to a member of the Auxiliary Territorial Service attracted great interest at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Monday.

The marriage was between Corporal Henry Maurice Rowland, R.A.F.V.R., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Rowland, of Salisbury-avenue, Broadstairs, and Miss Margaret Winifred Schlamp, A.T.S., only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. C. Schlamp, of Cecilia-road, Ramsgate.

Dressed in white figured satin with orange blossom head-dress and veil, and carrying a bouquet of white and pink carnations and chrysanthemums, the bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. J. Long, of Chingford.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Joan Friend, Phyllis Kaye, Dorothy Reeve and Maureen Moys. They were dressed in blue and pink silk crepe and carried posies of mixed chrysanthemums.

Conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. George Bennett), the service included the hymns "O perfect Love" and "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us." Mr. E. Yeo, at the organ, played "I'll walk beside you" while the register was being signed. The chimes rang out happily as the newly-weds left the church.

The duties of best man were ably carried out by Mr. Cyril Rowland, cousin of the bridegroom.

Formerly employed by Messrs. K. and C. Daniel, the Ramsgate solicitors, the bridegroom joined the R.A.F.V.R. in peace-time, when he was secretary of the Broadstairs Motor Cycling Club. He is an old boy of Chatham House School. The bride, educated at St. George's Central School, entered the A.T.S. in June, and is at present on leave from a station in the north of England.

Following the reception at a Ramsgate cafe, the happy couple left for their honeymoon at St. Ives, Cornwall.

Forgotten Library Books

Our advertisement columns draw attention to the fact that many books which should have been returned some time ago are being held by borrowers from Ramsgate Public Library. Those borrowers are urgently requested in the interests of themselves and others to "unearth" the books and return them. No fines will be imposed for books returned between 6th and 11th December inclusive.

Births, Engagements, Marriages and Deaths

The PREPAID charges for these announcements are 1d. per word (minimum: Births and Deaths 1/6, Engagements, Marriages, Return Thanks and In Memoriam 2/6).

BIRTHS

Dennis.—21st November, at Kilmorie, St. James's Park-road, Margate, the wife of Raymond Dennis, of a son.

MARRIAGES

Jakes—Smith.—21st November, at St. Paul's Church, Stafford, Cpl. Ronald Harold Harry Jakes, R.A.F., late of Ramsgate, to Rosetta Ada Smith, of London.

Rowland—Schlamp.—29th November, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. George Bennett, M.A., Corporal Henry Maurice Rowland, R.A.F.V.R., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rowland, of Broadstairs, to Margaret Winifred Schlamp, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. C. Schlamp, of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Fleet.—20th November, at 4, Gresham-avenue, Margate, Herbert James Fleet, aged 73 years.

Holmes.—On 26th November, 1943, suddenly, at Kelso House, Worcester-road, Sutton, Surrey, also of "Breeze Holm," Broadstairs, Kent, George Augustus Holmes, beloved third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Weekes Holmes. R.I.P.

Hynson.—27th November, at Westfield, Chilton - lane, Ramsgate, suddenly, Maurice Baily Hynson, dearly beloved husband of Emily Ellen Hynson.

Hills.—17th November, at 27 Livingstone-road, St. Peter's, Mary Elizabeth Hills, aged 85 years.

Hobbs.—22nd November, at Hanbury House, Eaton-road, Margate, Emily Ann Hobbs, aged 88 years.

Stock.—25th November, at The Chalet, Roman-road, Ramsgate, Mrs. Eva Blanche Stock, wife of Mr. Walter Stock, aged 55 years.

Watt.—On 23rd November, 1943, at Dowlutpore, West Cliff-road, Ramsgate, Emily, second daughter of the late Andrew Watt, R.N., aged 79 years.

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